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## Storyfest authors announced

The sixth-annual statewide summer reading kickoff presented by the South Carolina State Library will feature award winning author/illustrators Jarrett Krosoczka and Lauren Castillo on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Families from across the state will be able to celebrate the 2016 Collaborative Summer Library Theme "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" at a free event for families held all day at the State Museum in Columbia.

Lauren Castillo has written and illustrated over 14 books for children including the 2015 Caldecott Honor, *Nana in the City*. Along with several picture books including *Punk Farm*, Jarrett Krosoczka is the author/illustrator of the *Lunch Lady* graphic novels and *Platypus Police Squad* middle-grade novel series.

This year's event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with presentations by the authors, a summer reading themed craft area, face painting, local college mascots and a Readers Theater presentation. Storytelling will take place all day on the fourth floor with a special guest presentation by Jim Gill who

encourages read along and sing along play in his work.

StoryfestSC exposes families to children's authors and the art of story and fosters an excitement for reading especially throughout the summer. All of South Carolina's public libraries participate in the State Library coordinated summer reading program. For more information, please visit [storyfestsc.org](http://storyfestsc.org).



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Visit the [Collaborative Summer Library Program's website](#) to see the 2016 Teen Video Challenge winners.

## SC teens win video award

Two South Carolina teenagers won \$150 through the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2016 Teen Video Challenge, creating a zombie-themed video to publicize the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program.

Sean England Morris and Wyatt Hester were selected as South Carolina's Teen Video Challenge winners on April 18, joining over 100 other teens being

recognized for their creative and technically accomplished filmmaking.

Morris and Hester's film, titled "Dude, Get in the Game," lampooned the popular "The Walking Dead" television series in order to promote summer reading programs.

Morris and Hester's work will now be used by libraries across the country to promote summer reading each year.

## Letters about Literature winners recognized

The South Carolina Center for the Book is pleased to announce the nine winners in this year's "Letters About Literature" contest.

These outstanding students were honored at the South Carolina State Library in Columbia at an award ceremony on Friday, April 29.

The winners read their letters to the audience after receiving their awards (\$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third).



The 2015-16 Letters about Literature winners are Micah Wingard (not pictured) Michaela Lanier, Lucia Brown, Jiani Zhang, Hannah Martin, Kenley Watts, Chinenye Agim, Alex Levin, and Lily Zimmerman. Image by Sean Gruber.





Author Ha Jin speaks to a crowd of 60 at the South Carolina State Museum. Image by Curtis Rogers.

## Author Ha Jin gives special lecture during Pulitzer Prize celebration

Pulitzer Prize finalist and National Book Award winner Ha Jin visited the South Carolina State Museum for a special lecture on April 28, discussing his life and works as part of a celebration of the Pulitzer Prizes.

Jin, a Chinese-American poet and novelist, is famous for depicting everyday life during China's "Cultural Revolution" and the Korean War in his works. His novel *Waiting*, which tells the story of a military doctor pursuing love in communist China, won the National Book Award for Fiction and the PEN/Faulkner Award. Jin's poetry and short story collections have also earned international acclaim and prominent awards.

Jin's lecture is sponsored in part by the South Carolina State Library, the South Carolina Center for the Book, and South

Carolina Humanities. The lecture is part of a series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prizes.

A crowd of roughly 60 South Carolina residents attended the lecture, learning more about Jin's writing process and the challenges of translating works of literature to different languages.

SCSL Director of Communications Curtis Rogers said Jin was a "literary treasure," and that many of the event's attendees were engaged by his speech.

"It was a great treat to listen to Ha Jin read from his works," Rogers said. "He received many questions from attendees about writing and language and explained the importance of writing in English versus Chinese depending on the audience."

## RLF offers minority scholarship

Time is running out for applying for the Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship!

The scholarship will award \$3,500 to minority students pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science degree at the University of South Carolina.

The scholarship, established by the Richmond Library Foundation in 2010, honors the life achievements of librarian Ethel Bolden.

Bolden spent over 40 years establishing library services to African-American children serving as a librarian at three schools and serving on the Richland Library's Board of Trustees.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must submit their required forms to Richland Library Development Manager Tina Gills by June 15.

Winners will be announced by July 15.

For more information on the Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship and a list of application requirements, visit the [scholarship's website](#).

# Thomas.gov website to be retired

A famous website is about to retire! Thomas.gov, beloved by librarians and users needing access to all sorts of legislative information, will retire on July 5, 2016, when its successor, Congress.gov becomes fully functional.

Congress.gov was launched and applies modern design and infrastructure to a mobile-friendly access. It has assumed the content and role of THOMAS over the past four years and now provides searchable access to bill status and summary, bill text, the Congressional Record, Congressional Record Index and committee reports, and executive actions such as nominations, treaties and communications, with historic access reaching back as far as 1973.

The site includes accessibility tools such as downloadable audio files and tracking tools such as customizable email alerts. In FY 2015 alone it had more than 36 million page views.

The Library of Congress will offer training for new users of Congress.gov on Thursday, May 19, at 2 p.m.



## SCSL staff volunteers at City Roots Farm

South Carolina State Library staff members got their hands dirty and exercised their green thumbs when they volunteered at Columbia's City Roots Farm on April 27.

SCSL librarians worked the farm's barn, greenhouse and fields, giving back to their community and working to create successful "foodways" for their city.

The SCSL staff was inspired to volunteer after reading Will Allen's *The Good Food Revolution* as part of the "Book To Action" program, which is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Libraries participating in the program encourage their patrons to read a socially or environmentally conscious book, and afterwards do a volunteer activity based on the subjects covered by the work.

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Halie Brazier said Allen's book "inspired our staff to be more interested in eating healthier foods, starting or continuing a home garden, and supporting local farms and restaurants."

"We are excited to get our hands dirty at a sustainable farm similar to the one we read about in Will Allen's book," Brazier said. "It feels great for the SCSL library staff to get out into the community and be a part of the burgeoning 'eat local' movement in the Midlands."

SCSL has awarded \$5,260 total to three public library systems to do a Book To Action project of their own. Grant recipients are:

Charleston County Public Library ("Bees and Our Environment")

Georgetown County Library ("Autism Awareness")

Lexington County Public Library ("Understanding Our Rivers")



To see the collection, visit [CCML's page](#) at the Lowcountry Digital Library.

## Colleton County library digitizes Bookmobile history

By Jane Shaw and Joyce Chaplin

The Colleton County Memorial Library Bookmobile is very excited to have our Bookmobile history digitized and in a searchable database on the South Carolina Digital Library and the Lowcountry Digital Library.

After months of compiling our information from various sources housed in the library and from long term patrons, we were ready to get started. With the help of Amanda Stone and Jessica Dame from South Carolina State Library, we borrowed a large flatbed scanner, a laptop with digitization and metadata software, and an external hard drive to record our pictures and articles of the Colleton County bookmobile history dating back from 1935. Also, with Amanda's instruction, we added the metadata to each item.

We have 87 items, and it took about three months from the time that we received the equipment for us to complete the project while doing our regularly scheduled workload.

Heather Gilbert from the College of Charleston's Lowcountry Digital Library Services retrieved and tweaked our data and then published it to the Lowcountry Digital Library database.

We really enjoyed compiling the information for this project as there was a lot of information in our bookmobile history of which we were unaware. Also, it brought back fond memories of previous patrons and former "book ladies". We are proud of having this information preserved to share with our patrons and others that are interested in the bookmobile service in Colleton County from its inception.



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